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stents from wires having hydrogel coating
layers thereon

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Applicant respectfully petition for a three-month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office action mailed 07/17/2003 for the above-captioned patent application extending the period of response from 10/17/2003 to 01/17/2003.

A fee transmittal accompanies this petition to charge Deposit Account No. 13-2546 for Medtronic, Inc. the appropriate fee.

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